

Graduated Driver Licensing Program

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

Phase One: Learner's (Instructional) Permit

To apply for an Instructional Permit, the applicant must be at least 15-and-a-half years old. All applicants must present original or certified copies of supporting documents. The following is needed to complete the application process:

1. Proof of Legal Name - If your current name is different from the name shown on any document (examples: due to marriage, divorce, adoption, name change, or naturalization certificate), you are required to provide "connecting documents" to establish the link between the names
2. Proof of Legal Presence
3. Proof of Social Security Number
4. Proof of Date of Birth
5. Since the applicant is under 18 years of age, a
 - o Birth Certificate is required
 - o An Affidavit form must be submitted in connection with the desire of the aforesaid child to secure a license to drive. The affidavit form must be notarized, or signed by the affiant in person and witnessed by the Driver Licensing Center staff as follows:
 - If both the father and mother of the applicant have custody, both the father and mother must sign the affidavit
 - If only one parent has custody of the applicant, that custodial parent must sign
 - If neither parent has custody of the applicant and the applicant has a custodial guardian, the custodial guardian must sign
 - If neither parent has custody of the applicant and the applicant has no custodial guardian, a responsible person who is willing to assume the obligation may sign

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to accompany their learner's permit applicant to the Driver Licensing Center, however, it is not required as long as the applicant has all the proper documents and a notarized [parental consent affidavit](#) signed by the appropriate parent(s)/guardian(s).

If one parent has full custody of the applicant, appropriate documentation to show that only one parent has full legal custody of the applicant must also be presented.

***Note*:** The person who signed shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor applicant for any damages caused by such negligence or misconduct

6. Present two (2) documents for Proof of Principal Residence (the [address affidavit form](#) can be used for this purpose)
7. Pass the required vision test
8. Pass a 30 question multiple-choice written examination; please refer to the Hawaii Driver's Manual
9. Payment of the appropriate fees

To schedule an appointment for a learner's permit written examination, please click [here](#).

Key Restrictions/Requirements

Once issued, the minor granted the learner's permit shall as a requirement:

- Be in immediate possession of the permit when driving a motor vehicle

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- Be seated next to a person who is at least 21 years of age and licensed to operate the same type of motor vehicle. However, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., the supervising parent or guardian must be seated next to the minor driver
- Have all occupants wear their seat belts and children under 4 years of age be properly restrained within a safety seat next in compliance with Hawaii State law

Instructional Permit Renewal

The permit may be renewed for another one-year period no sooner than 30 days before the expiration date of the permit and no later than 90 days after the expiration date of the permit.

Failure to renew the instructional permit within 30 days after the expiration date will result in waiting 180 days before being eligible for a road test.

To schedule an appointment for renewing an instructional permit, please click [here](#).